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ORGANIZATION

Having two Counties to serve, the Agent has tried to divide her time as judiciously as possible between the two. Much more time has been given to the work in Graham than in Greenlee County, because there are many more communities there to be served.

In Greenlee County the communities number seven. In the northeast in the mountainous part, are Clifton, Morenci, and Metcalf. These were formerly flourishing mining camps, but the mining has practically ceased in all three, and only a few hundred people are left there. Being isolated as they are, they lend themselves to certain types of home demonstration and 4-H Club work. Apparently no extension work has been done in these localities.

Franklin, Duncan, York and Sheldon are in the Duncan Valley. The people in these communities are, for the most part, living on ranches. Considerable home demonstration and club work has been done here in the past, but there has been no Home Demonstration Agent in the County for four years. At Franklin an organized group has worked with the Agent throughout the year. One 4-H Garment Making Club was organized at Duncan. One home management project was given at Clifton.

HOMEMAKERS CLUBS

The Agent went to the Relief Society at Franklin in January. Discussed with them the program of work. This group decided to form a Homemakers Club, and meet regularly on the third Thursday of the month. Twenty women enrolled and the organization was completed at the February meeting. Eleven meetings were held with a total attendance of one hundred and seventy-six women, an average of seventeen per meeting. A club picnic was also held, but not having been very well advertised, it was not well attended. Only fifteen were present. All had a good time, playing games and a delicious supper was served.

Five of the meetings were devoted to the Home Management Specialist's demonstrations. At two meetings the "Care of the Sick" was demonstrated. The Agent demonstrated the making of a

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closed bed and changing the bed with a patient in it. She also discussed "How to Make A Patient Mentally and Physically Comfortable." The members took active part in the two meetings.

Mrs. Edith Quinn discussed "Care of a Fever Patient". She had given careful thought to the subject and discussed it well. Mrs. Jane Moyers demonstrated the "Making of a Foot Rest," Mrs. Annie Arnett, the "Bed Cradle", Mrs. Clara Wilkins demonstrated the "Making of a Newspaper pad for the Sick Bed". Mrs. Annie O'Dell demonstrated the "Making of a tray for the Sick Room" from an old picture frame.

Here is a picture of Mrs. Jane Moyers and Mrs. Annie Arnett of the Franklin Homemakers Club, looking at the foot rest, a convenience for the sick room, made by Mrs. Moyers:



A day was spent in Pleasant Patching. The Agent demonstrated various types of patches and darns. The hemmed patch, overhand patch and darns on wool were made. The 2-minute patch on overalls was emphasized and each of the six women present made a "set-in-set-on patch" which they then judged. The best patch was awarded a prize.

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The making of tailored buttonholes was demonstrated by the Agent at another meeting and ten of the twelve women present made a good buttonhole.

At the demonstration of the making of the hat stand for soft crowned hats, five patterns were made with the idea of passing them round for the use of all.

The women seemed to enjoy most of those demonstrations where they actually did something themselves, no matter how simple a demonstration it might have been. The Agent will continue to meet regularly with this Club next year.

HOME MANAGEMENT

The Home Management Specialist from the University of Arizona, Miss Thelma Huber, presented six projects to the homemakers of Franklin. Meetings were held in the Relief Society Hall. Work was organized in April and five meetings were held with an enrollment of twenty women.

One project was taken to Clifton. The Clifton meeting was in answer to a request of Mrs. Helen Gould, Supervisor of WPA work in Greenlee County. Mrs. Gould brought seven of her group from Clifton to Franklin (30 miles over mountain roads) to two of the demonstrations at Franklin.

The Home Management work was carried on as in Graham County. The women were much interested in the work, voicing their appreciation often and adopting many of the home practices that were recommended. The thirty-nine women who were present at the Clifton demonstration on "Cleaning Methods" were especially enthusiastic. Most of the women came up after the demonstration to request other future meetings. One woman said "I had no idea what I was coming to, when I came here today. I think it is wonderfully helpful." Another said she was well satisfied and felt that it was well worth the time given, to say nothing of the help received, and she felt the recipe for the silver polish was very helpful.

This group of women chose Mrs. Gladys Sidebottom, of Clifton as their group leader, and asked that monthly meetings be held in their community. The Agent explained that she would be away on Annual Leave during the month of October, but would come to them for a demonstration in November and at that time plan for next year's work. The Home Management Projects taken up in this county were:

Kitchen Improvements: Many gadgets for the kitchen were demonstrated. All could be easily made by the women, or could be easily purchased very cheaply. The desirability of proper

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working heights for kitchen equipment with suggestions for correcting them if necessary, was discussed. Twenty-eight women were present. At a later meeting one of the group reported making dustless dusters, another a broom-holder. A third reported adjusting the working height of her kitchen table. All the women report watching their posture and trying to improve it.

Control of Household Pests: A demonstration on how to control such pests as flies, ants, cock roaches, mice, mosquitoes, was given. Twenty-five women were present and eight fly traps were made. Later reports showed five more traps made and five breeding places of flies cleaned up.

Housewifery: Two demonstrations were given on "Cleaning Methods". Silver polish, furniture polish and floor wax were made and their use demonstrated. At the close of the demonstration, one of the women said she would like to see a demonstration of the cleaning and polishing of the Relief Society piano. So everyone lent a hand and gave the piano a thorough cleaning. As a result it looked like a different instrument. Two women report having cleaned their own pianos at home and three others have cleaned other furniture. Some good home-made soap was exhibited and the making of it discussed. Two quarts of hand lotion were made.

Kitchen Arrangement: One of the projects most enjoyed by the Greenlee County women was the one in which the Home Management Specialist showed two kitchens; one poorly, the other well arranged and by actual measuring of steps taken in each while mixing a cake. The women were surprised to learn that it required two and a half times as many steps to do the work in the poorly arranged kitchen as in the well arranged kitchen. At least one woman rearranged the furniture in her kitchen, following this demonstration.

Home Accounts: The value of keeping home accounts was thoroughly discussed at one of the meetings. The Agent hopes there may be a Home Accounts Project here next year, but at present there is reluctance on the part of the women to start it.

Food and Drug Act: With the aid of excellent illustrative material, the Home Management Specialist showed the women how important it is to have our present Food and Drug Act amended. Some of them learned that some of their favorite cosmetics were harmful, although the manufacturers had complied with the law in putting them on the market.

The women feel that they have received much valuable help from the Home Management Projects and there will be a continuance of this project in 1937.

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HOME FURNISHINGS

Furniture Making From Boxes: In response to a request from the Homemakers of Franklin, a three and a half day class in making furniture from boxes was held at the Relief Society Hall. Eight women enrolled for the work. The Home Furnishings Specialist, Mrs. Margaret E. Watson, from the University of Arizona, gave the instructions and the project was carried on in a way similar to those in Graham County. The interest was keen and some very nice articles were made. The weather was so pleasant that the women preferred doing much of their work out under the trees.



One book case; one dressing table; one radio table; five shoe racks and six magazine racks were made. There is a possibility that other communities in Greenlee County may wish similar classes in 1937. The women in our Counties have not had the money to buy new furniture for so many years, and so are very happy to be able to make something both attractive and useful.

Here is a picture of some of the homemakers of Franklin, Arizona, making furniture from orange and apple boxes.



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Here are pictures of some of the finished articles of furniture made by the Franklin, Arizona homemakers, and the women who made them:



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Some Home Furnishings Projects will be included in next year's plan for Clifton, the specific projects will be decided by the committee in December.

CLOTHING

Adults: The Agent gave two demonstrations at Franklin Homemakers Club on "Tailored Buttonholes" and "Patching" and a third at the Duncan WPA Sewing Room. These were reported elsewhere.

Junior: Organized a garment making club at Duncan.
(See 4-H Clubs)

4-H CLUBS

One First Year Garment Making Club was carried on at Duncan, The leader, Miss Lillian Hoover, was a High School Teacher. The twelve members of the club were eighth grade girls.

Miss Hoover allowed five of the High School Girls in her Home Economics class to act as Assistant Leaders. She developed each lesson with her assistants, then delegated two of the girls to present the work to the Club and be held responsible for the girls completing it properly. As a result of this training, one of the Assistant Leaders, Iona Wilkins, will assume leadership of a First Year Club at Franklin this coming year.

Miss Hoover allowed forty minutes school time once a week for her club meetings. Eleven of the club completed their work and received their pins at a special auditorium period.

A judging team was trained and sent to the Annual 4-H Club Week at Tucson in June. The girls Eunice Nunn and Shirley Lovett were accompanied by one of the Assistant Leaders, Iona Wilkins. The girls joined the Graham County Club Girls and Boys at Safford, and made the trip with them. This team placed first in the Junior Class in judging sewing, and Shirley placed first in individual judging.

If her schedule of school work will permit, Miss Hoover will lead another 4-H Club this year.

A request has come from a girl at Morenci for a 4-H Club. The Agent plans to organize it the first week in December.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Agent cooperated with the WPA at Duncan and Clifton, sup-

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plying them with subject matter material on Home Management. She also gave one demonstration on "Making Zipper Plackets" to the twenty-one women workers at the W.P.A. Sewing Room at Duncan.

At the annual anniversary of the founding of the Relief Society, the Agent was asked to talk to the Franklin Relief Society. She chose as her subject "Home Customs Among Our Colonial Ancestors."

CANNING

Kerr Canning Contest: While canning has been encouraged among all the homemakers in the County, the Kerr Canning contest is the only project that has been carried on as such. Twelve women enrolled in the contest, but there were only four completions. Two of the women were called from home by illness of relatives and failed to get their exhibits in the judging. Three others had not canned meat. The other three said they had not done their canning because they had raised no gardens and had not had the money to buy the product when it was cheap enough to can. The judging of the exhibits was done by Mrs. Henry E. Collins, of Safford, a former Home Economics teacher with the Indian Service at Fort Wingate, New Mexico. She explained to the women her reasons for placing the jars as she did. This was very helpful.

The first prize was awarded to Mrs. Irene Hanchett of Franklin; the second to Mrs. Vera Pease of Franklin; the third to Mrs. Annie O'Dell of Franklin. The first and second prize winning exhibits will be sent to Tucson for entrance in the State Contest.

This group of women report having canned 851 quarts of fruit, 800 quarts of vegetables and 526 quarts of meat, a total of 2,177 quarts. They also report using 1880 Kerr Jars.

Reports of canning done by women other than those entered in the Kerr Contest makes a total for the county of 3,884 quarts of fruit, 3,911 quarts of vegetables and 1125 quarts of meat.

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TABLE SHOWING PROGRAM AS PLANNED AND ACHIEVED

IN GREENLEE COUNTY 1935-1936

Project	Homemakers Clubs	Home Management	Home Furnishings	Clothing Junior	Canning.
No. groups Planned	1	2	1	1	1
Location	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Duncan	Franklin
No. groups Achieved	1	2	1	1	1
Location	Franklin	Franklin Clifton	Franklin	Duncan	Franklin
No. Individuals enrolled	20	59	8	12	12
No. individuals completed	12	51	8	11	4
Work Accomplished	12 dem. given	11 families adopting recommended practices. 6 families made home conveniences	14 nice articles of furniture made	11 completions. 1 judging team trained. 11 pins to members. 1 pin to leader. 5 pins to Assistant leaders.	2177 qts. of fruit veg. & meat canned
Value in Aggregate	No money	\$15.00 but of much more than money value	\$25.00	\$ 8.15	\$544.25
Amount Saved		\$10.00	\$15.00	\$ 3.19	\$ 408.00

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PLAN OF HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK FOR 1937 - BY PROJECTS
AND COMMUNITIES IN GREENLEE COUNTY
1936

Project	Location	Time	No. Dem.	Method of Procedure	Goals
Homemaker Club	Franklin Duncan	11 mos. Jan. to Nov.	9 to each	Organize group. Plan program showing each is to play	30% members at 75% of meetings.
Home Management	Clifton Franklin	5 mos. Jan. to June	5 to each	Organize group. Plan program of work to show part of each.	80% members attending dem. and adopting at least 1 better practice and exhibiting at Achievement Day
Home Furnishings or Clothing School	Clifton Franklin Clifton Franklin	5 mos. July to Nov. 1 week	5 to each 5 to each	Organize group. Plan program of work. Specialist to direct project.	12 women making articles for home, or 12 women making dresses. Exhibit at Achievement Day
4-H Clubs Garment Making	Duncan Franklin Morenci	7 mos. Dec. to June	7 to each	Organize group. Plan program. Train leader. Train dem. and judging teams.	80% completions. All girls exhibiting at Achievement Day

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PUBLICITY

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**DEMONSTRATION TO
BE GIVEN JUNE 11
AT FRANKLIN HALL**

If you are bothered by such pests as ants, cock-roaches, flies, mice or moths, you will be interested in the demonstration of the control of household pests, which is to be given at Franklin Homemakers' club meeting June 11th at 2:00 p. m. at the Relief Society hall.

The making of fly traps and of crack fillers to prevent entrance of pests as well as the making of an excellent hand lotion will be demonstrated by Miss Thelma Huber, home management specialist from the University of Arizona. These meetings are open to all women in the community.

June 6, 1936

**Home Management
Demonstrations To
Be Held Next Week**

A series of demonstrations in home management will be given in Graham and Greenlee counties by Miss Thelma Huber, specialist from the state university, who will be here accompanied by Miss Olga Welch, who is in charge of community cooperatives of the state rural rehabilitation at Tucson.

"Arrangement of Equipment to Save Steps" will be the theme of the demonstrations, the first of which will be held in the Emery school house, the Relief Societies of Ashurst, Ft. Thomas and Emery meeting for an all day session.

The same program will be repeated at a meeting to be held in Thatcher on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

On Thursday the ladies will go to Franklin in Greenlee county, where they will hold an all day meeting. On Friday a meeting will be held in the community club building at Sunset.

August 8, 1936

**CANNING CONTESTS
IN COUNTY PROVE
VERY INTERESTING**

"It pays to can fruit and vegetables, for family use, even if one must purchase the raw product", said Mrs. Joseph Wilkins of Franklin in a conversation with the county home demonstration agent, Mrs. Flossie Wills Barmes.

Mrs. Wilkins is something of an authority on the subject of canning, having done considerable of it over a period of years. She is one of the group of Franklin homemakers who entered the Kerr canning contest in Greenlee county this year.

Other members of the group are: Mrs. Annie Arnett, Mrs. Vera Pease, Mrs. Olive Crotts, Mrs. Jane Moyers, Mrs. Annie O'Dell, Mrs. May O'Neal, Mrs. Rose Sherman, Mrs. Raymond Davis, Mrs. Edith Quinn, Mrs. Fern Crum and Mrs. Irene Hanchett. This group recently held an exhibit of their canned goods at the Franklin Relief Society hall. Mrs. Henry E. Collins of Safford, formerly home economic teacher in the Indian Service at Ft. Wingate, New Mexico, judged the exhibits.

The first prize in the county, three dozen Kerr jars, was awarded to Mrs. Irene Hanchett. The second prize of two dozen Kerr jars went to Mrs. Vera Pease. The third prize of one dozen Kerr jars to Mrs. Annie O'Dell.

The first and second prize winning exhibits will be sent to the University of Arizona at Tucson, to be entered in a state-wide contest. The first prize winner in the state contest will receive \$15.00, the second \$10.00 and the third \$7.00.

November 21, 1936

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**HOMEMAKERS CLUB
PLANNED BY WOMEN
OF FRANKLIN DIST.**

The women of the Franklin community will hold a meeting at the Relief Society hall on Thursday, February 20, at 2:00 o'clock, to organize a Homemaker's club.

The women expect to study the Care of the Sick. The work of the club will be under the supervision of the county home demonstration agent, Mrs. Flossie Wills Barmes.

February 22, 1936

**Women Of Franklin
Interested In Canning
Home-grown Products**

The women of the Franklin Community believe that it pays to can the surplus of fruit, meat and vegetables produced on the farm. The county home demonstration agent, Mrs. Flossie Wills Barmes states that sixteen women of this community report having canned 6,743 quarts of food for home use this year. Of this total, there were 3033 quarts of fruit, 3111 quarts of vegetables and 599 of meat. More meat will be canned before the season is over.

These women attribute the interest and their knowledge of proper methods of canning to the efforts of Miss Hortense White, former home demonstration agent of Graham and Greenlee counties.

February 22, 1936

**4-H Sewing Club Is
Organized Tuesday
By Duncan Students**

A 4H sewing club composed of eight Duncan grade school girls, was organized at Duncan last Tuesday under the sponsorship of the following home economic students: Iona Wilkins, Irma Malone, Amelia Bridges, Margaret Johnson, Lou Lunt, Romola Lunt, Helen Russell and Hazel Patterson.

The members of the club are Mabel Phillips, Mildred Sexton, Morine Attaway, Anastacia Bejarano, Majory Reyes, Annie Truitt, Elsie Osborn, Jessie Foote, Shirley Lovett, Jane Edwards, Eunice Nunn and Ruth Spears.

February 8, 1936

**Series Meetings On
Home Management To
Be Held In Franklin**

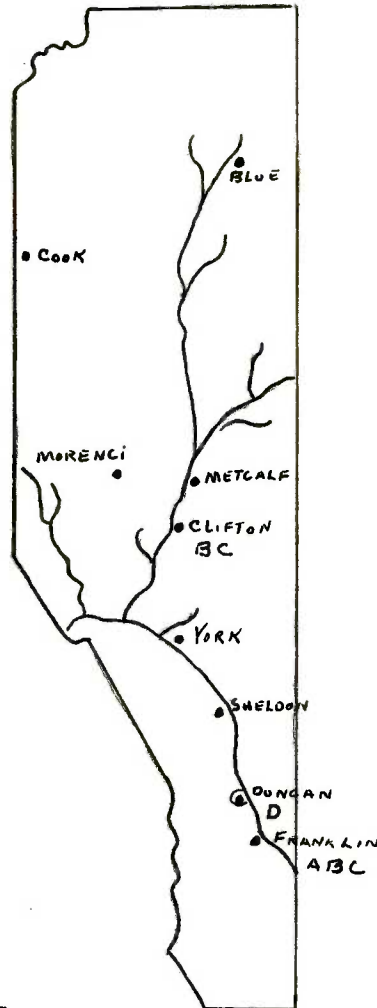
An interesting meeting of the Homemakers club of Franklin was held Thursday of last week, at which Miss Huber, home management specialist of the state university, gave demonstrations which included a discussion on the proper heights of working surfaces in the home, with their relation to bodily fatigue, and demonstrations of many improvements in the kitchen.

The second of a series of meetings on home management demonstration will be held at Franklin, June 11th at 2:00 o'clock at the Relief Society hall. The subject will be "Ridding the Home of Pests." All women interested are invited.

May 2, 1936

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MAP OF GREENLEE COUNTY SHOWING ACTIVITIES FOR
THE YEAR.



ADULT WORK

- A. Homemakers Clubs
Franklin
- B. Home Management
Franklin - Clifton
- C. Home Furnishings
Franklin - Clifton

JUNIOR WORK

- D. Garment Making
Duncan

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